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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2006, applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the patentability of the claims pending in this application for the reasons stated below herein.

Claims 12, 14-16, 18-20, 22 and 23 remain herein.

1. Applicants respectfully acknowledge the allowance of claims 16, 18-20, 22, and 23.

2. Claims 12, 14, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,922,295 to Chattha et al. ("Chattha").

Claim 12 recites a catalyst body comprising, in part, a catalyst layer comprising (a) an alkali metal, (b) a heat-resistant inorganic oxide, and (c) a noble metal loaded on the heat-resistant inorganic oxide. Chattha does not disclose a catalyst layer comprising an alkali metal.